

Faith and Inspiration

Legacy for Generations

The fall semester is upon us at most institutions of learning, and as I aided in getting my youngest son situated with his on-campus college classes this week, I was reminded of all the counsel and caution dispensed by Scripture upon parents regarding the care and nurturing of children.

Children, says the Bible, can represent and embody blessings, joy, humility, innocence, legacy, and sources and reasons for praise and comfort (Genesis 1:28; Psalm 113:9; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 10:1; John 16:21, etc.).

Scripture is also clear that parents are intended to guide their children towards a productive and meaningful life, and are charged with shaping their mind and character to manifest God's grace and generosity (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 29:17; Isaiah 54:13; Ephesians 6:4, etc.).

Proverbs 22:6 indicates that we should strive to "train up a child in the way he should go." This passage may possess a degree of subtlety — and perhaps even more complexity — than what some people might assume. While many verses in the Bible describe imparting the principles of Godly life to the children which have been entrusted to our care, this particular exhortation appears to focus on reinforcing the notion of each child being conceived as a unique individual.

The phrase typically translated as "in the way he should go" exhibits a remarkable acknowledgment and understanding that every human being, while equally created in God's image, is a singular specimen of his handiwork, with distinct qualities and inclinations. This

emphasis on uniqueness — which ultimately showcases God's ability to manifest his majesty in a myriad of manner and modes — is alluded to throughout Scripture (Psalm 119:73-74; Isaiah 64:8; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Matthew 10:29-31).

And so, part of the challenge — and hopeful reward — of a parent is to help each child discover their gifts and talents and calling in life, especially as it pertains to fulfilling their purpose and role in God's grand plan of redemption; to guide the son or daughter along the path to which they are designed to be inclined, which suits their interests, passions, and aptitude endowed to them by their Creator.

While there are parents who may feel compelled to mold their child into their own likeness or to conform him or her to a pattern or program that they, the parents, might deem appropriate or preferable, it is important to prayerfully consider the child's individuality and predispositions in the context of that child's value in the kingdom of God. After all, Jesus implored his disciples to "let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14), presumably out of their own desire and endearment to him, rather than as a consequence of adult-induced compulsion.

It is likely inevitable that parents will observe some of their own personal traits, quirks, predilections, foibles, and peculiarities evidenced in their child's growth into a self-aware individual discovering their own significance.

As we see our children learn to make wise choices and demonstrate the compassion and kindness that is hoped for, we derive some comfort

in our efforts and even indulge in moments of pride and gratitude for their successes and accomplishments. As they persevere in following their dreams, we find that on some personally appreciable scale, our own dreams become fulfilled.

My oldest son Miles has completed a degree in film production and seeks to find his niche in the industry.

My second son Luke is in the final stages of his Master's in Fine Arts, and continues to pursue his passion for writing.

My daughter Tamar is currently immersed in a baccalaureate program of digital game art, where she finds herself flexing her visually creative abilities.

My youngest son Ian is now attending courses which will expand his knowledge and proficiency in computer coding and design of interactive electronic entertainment.

Whether children may appear to follow in their parents' footsteps or find their own radically different trail to blaze, most parents would find it gratifying to behold their progeny achieve their potential.

In the television series "Star Trek: Deep Space 9," Jake Sisko, son of Commander Benjamin Sisko, essentially grows up before our eyes on screen.

As a youth aboard the titular space station, Jake experiences many remarkable adventures as the child of a Starfleet officer, without ever really expressing a desire to engage in the peacekeeping and exploration endeavors of that para-military organization. It is impressive to observe the growth and development of this character amidst the complex events of the serial saga and to witness him becoming his "own man."

Later in the series, on the cusp of adulthood, Jake discovers his passion and proficiency for writing. In a particular episode, he is thrust

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Obituary

Carl Aaron Justice

Carl Aaron Justice passed away suddenly on July 16, 2023. He was born on June 3, 1943, in Virginia to Wilfred and Helen Justice.

Carl moved to Homestead Florida at the age of 17 where he began his adult life. He retired from Miami-Dade County Aviation after 30 years of employment. He was also the owner and operator of C & M SCREENING.

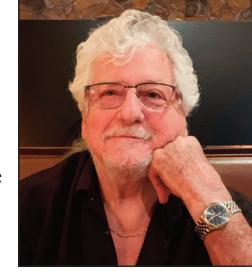
Carl was a positive and adventurous person. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren with his whole heart.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Marlys, daughter Suzi (Bobby), sons Gary (Carla), David (Mary), grandchildren Tiffany, Bill, Ethan, Christian, Peter and Nicholas, and brothers Earl and Larry (Mary).

He is proceeded in death by his parents, sisters Phyllis, Joan and Joyce and brother Mike.

Carl will be missed by all who loved him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023.



Joyce Victoria (Bond) Elmore

Joyce Victoria (Bond) Elmore passed away on August 19, 2023. Joyce was born in Sumrall, Mississippi to John Everett Bond and Ethel (Rutledge) Bond on August 10, 1938.

On May 11, 1957, Joyce married Walter Murrah Elmore of Middlesboro, Kentucky and on May 11, 2017, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Joyce began working at The First National Bank of Homestead in 1957 and continued with her banking career for forty-two consecutive years, she was appointed by the Community Bank of Florida Board of Directors on June 17, 1999, as the Senior Vice President.

Joyce was recognized for her accomplishments in the banking field as well as many organizations she dedicated her time to for the Homestead Community including but not limited to, The Woman's Club of Homestead (President), Civitan Club of Homestead, National Association of Bank Women, The Golden Circle Club, Cookbook Committee for The Woman's Club of Homestead, American Cancer Society, and the First United Methodist Church of Homestead.

In 2002, Joyce and her husband moved to Okeechobee, Florida becoming residents and became active members of the First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee. She enjoyed reading, cooking, sewing, watching her favorite soap operas and being the greatest aunt.

Mrs. Elmore was preceded in death by her father John Everett Bond and mother Ethel (Rutledge) Bond. Siblings: John Wesley Bond; Ella Arluin (Bond) Miller; Everett Novellion Bond; Ida (Bond) Holmes; William Rutledge Bond; Ruby (Bond) Noblett; Annie Jean (Bond) Riles; Mary Nell (Bond) Atkinson; as well as her husband of 60 years Walter Murrah Elmore.

She is survived by her brother Shelton Bond (Debbie); nieces and nephews, Billye A. Oden (Donnie), Sharyl (Derrick), Maddie, Daryl (Shannon), Katelyn, J.D.; Pat Russell (Elliot), Heather, Chad, Eric; Jane Weatherford (Terry), Jennifer and Eli, as well as a host of family members and friends.

Joyce knew the secret of the meaning of life (that being) to live life eternal. She now lives in each and every one of us who knew her - we were all so fortunate to share apart of this very special lady's life and we will never forget her and will always miss her. Joyce lived a good life, and she now has the (victors) life with Jesus.

A visitation will be held, August 26, 2023, from 10 am until service time of 11 am at the Hulett-Winstead Funeral Chapel in Sumrall, Mississippi. Interment will follow at Advance Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

In lieu of flowers the family would welcome donations to Hospice of Okeechobee (A Chapters Heath Affiliate), 411 Southeast 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida, 34974.

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- 204 N Krome Avenue 10,500 SF
- 220 N Krome Avenue 3,213 SF
- 230 N Krome Avenue 5,685 SF

Any party interested in purchasing or acquiring an interest through long-term lease in the Properties, or portion thereof, for purposes of developing a destination food hall concept with related ancillary uses, is hereby notified that proposals to acquire the Properties must be made and submitted to the CRA, Attention: Kametra Driver, Director, 212 NW 1st Avenue, Homestead Florida 33030. Proposals should include: A description of the experience of the Proposer and/or its principals in developing and operating similar food service concepts; a complete financial proposal detailing proposed lease terms and anticipated capital investments in the Properties including anticipated sources of capital; and an anticipated timeline for development outlining necessary steps from the commencement of the lease to commencement of operations. Further information as is available regarding the Properties may be reviewed or obtained at the Homestead CRA, 212 NW 1st Avenue, Homestead Florida 33030. Additionally, the CRA will provide interested parties an opportunity to inspect the properties 10am-12noon on August 30 & September 13. Proposals must be received by the CRA no later than the close of business on the 60th day following publication of this notice. In the event that the CRA does not receive any proposals in response to this invitation to submit proposals, or in the event that all proposals received by the CRA are rejected, the CRA reserves the right to seek, negotiate, and accept proposals deemed to be in the public interest from any other person or entity without further notice.

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Easy Pasta Bake

16 ounce pasta penne or bow tie
1 (14.5)ounce chicken broth
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon Italian herb seasoning
1 (20) ounce jar marinara sauce
2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven 400°
Spray 9 x 13 baking dish with Pam. Line bottom of pan with pasta evenly. Pour chicken broth over pasta. Mix together salt, pepper, garlic, Italian herb seasoning, and marinara sauce. Pour over pasta. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top evenly. Cover with foil and bake 40 to 45 minutes. Remove foil and brown lightly on top if needed.
Putting a twist on this: brown 1 pound of ground chuck or ground Turkey and add to marinara sauce mixture. Pour on top of pasta and cover with cheese and bake as directed. Wonderful!

Easy Dinner Ideas

Life is Delicious in South Florida with Linda Ogden Epling

With our busy schedules, trying to find a recipe that you can cook everything in one pan or in a casserole dish, put it in the oven and walk away is what we all would love to do. A Pasta Bake is the answer. You can put it in one pan, bake it in the oven and when you come back, you have a delicious dinner to serve to family and friends. This is a quick and easy meal to prepare. Just add a salad or bread and you have a complete yet simple meal. Banana Pudding Pie is a yummy dessert to serve anytime. Another quick and tasty treat to add to any dinner or to serve anytime of day. Honestly, it is wonderful and easy. Banana Pudding Pie is just the answer for your Banana Pudding lover. It is a simple dessert that puts a shortcut on your regular recipe.

Banana Pudding Pie

1 (9) inch pie crust baked and chilled
2 cups chopped or crumbled vanilla wafers
2 bananas sliced
1 (8) ounce Cool Whip divided
1 1/2 cups whole milk
1 small box instant banana pudding

Bake 1 (9) inch pie crust according to package directions set aside to cool. Mix together 1 1/2 cups whole milk with one small box instant banana pudding. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in half of cool whip from carton into pudding. Fold in crumbled vanilla wafers. Slice bananas and place on bottom of cooled pie crust. Spread evenly pudding mixture on top of bananas. Chill pie. Decorate top if you like and serve remaining cool whip on individual slices when serving your guest. I have also substituted the pie crust with a graham cracker crust. It is just as delicious!



Five ways to help honey bees

National Honey Bee Day was August 19, and there are many ways you can support the powerhouse pollinators.

"Honey bees are critically important to our food supply," said Amy Vu, UF/IFAS Extension state specialized agent in the Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory (HBREL). The lab celebrates five years on the Gainesville campus this month.

"Here in Florida, we also host migratory hives from around the country for overwintering, when many other states no longer have flowers in bloom," Vu said. "Florida has the second largest number of honey bee colonies in the United States. This makes bees in our state important for food grown nationwide."

Below, Vu offers five steps anyone can take to help nearby honey bee colonies thrive.

1. Plant a pollinator garden Floridians can choose plants that flower at different times of the year. The UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program recommends having at least three plants in bloom at any given point in the year. The bees aren't picky, either, and container gardening will do for those with limited space. Learn more about "Gardening for Bees": go.ufl.edu/GardenForBees.

2. Minimize the use of harsh



Photo: Cat Wilford, UF/IFAS

pesticides Only use pesticides when and where needed and follow all labeled instructions. Products that are hazardous to honey bees must state so on the label, per a UF/IFAS Extension peer-reviewed publication from Vu and other experts. Discover more information in the "Minimizing Honey Bee Exposure to Pesticides" article on Ask IFAS: edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN1027.

3. Provide a water source Honey bees need water, too! Think about leaving out a shallow dish where your pollinator visitors frequent. Just be sure to refresh the water source at least every five days to prevent mosquitoes from enjoying it as a breeding ground, as well.

4. Support the HBREL or join your local and state beekeepers' association The HBREL supports beekeepers – from the backyard colony to large commercial operations – with research and

educational opportunities year-round. Sponsors can support programming and research through different donation levels to "adopt a bee," "adopt a queen" or "adopt a hive" by visiting UFgive.to/AdoptaHive. The lab also connects with the Florida State Beekeepers Association and maintains a list of county-level clubs statewide. Joining a group with neighboring beekeepers can lead to local advocacy and support for honey bees.

5. Learn how to keep bees HBREL has all the introduction you need to get started. Listen to over a hundred episodes of "Two Bees in a Podcast," covering topics from infectious diseases to cottage food laws for honey sales, and so much in between. The lab also offers a variety of online courses through their Master Beekeeper Program and bee-Learning short courses.

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into an alarming and appalling situation as he endures first-hand the horrors and grim realities of war during an attack on a Federation colony planet. Jake finds himself an unwilling and unwitting participant in the grueling ordeals of battle, facing the stress and anguish of dreadful events such as leaving a wounded soldier behind and inadvertently fending off a frontal assault from the enemy. Following this harrowing trial of mettle under adversity, Jake decides to confess his tumultuous emotions through the written word.

JAKE: ... all I could think about was doing whatever it took to stay alive. Once, that meant running away, and once, it meant picking up a phaser. The Battle of Ajilon Prime will probably be remembered as a pointless skirmish but I'll always remember it as something more, as a place I learned that the line between courage and cowardice is a lot thinner than most people believe.

Upon reading his son's deeply insightful musings, Commander Sisko expresses a father's sentiments towards his remarkably maturing son.

SISKO: Anyone who's been in battle would recognise himself in this, but most of us wouldn't care to admit it. It

takes courage to look inside yourself and even more courage to write it for other people to see. I'm proud of you, son.

Such admiration and pride in a child's quality of character bring to mind the Heavenly Father's words to his only Son as Jesus prepared to embark on the ultimate trial of personal perseverance.

The gospel records reveal that as Jesus emerged from the waters of the Jordan river during his baptism at the hands of his cousin John, the voice of God the Father declared from above: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Of course, God is the perfect father, and Jesus is the perfect son. As earnest parents, we aspire to model our efforts after God's all-encompassing love and desire for his children to fulfill his promise of redemption.

As diligent children, we yearn for the affirmation of our Father in heaven, while pleasing our own earthly parents, as we strive to realize God's will in our lives.

In this we aim to imitate Christ and demonstrate the ideal relationship between parent and child. This is the gift that God bestows to teach us the depths of his love, and is the legacy to be desired for all generations.

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Red Crab Restaurant: A Seafood Lover's Paradise in Florida City

Nestled in the heart of Florida City, Red Crab restaurant stands as a haven for seafood enthusiasts, offering an exquisite dining experience that tantalizes taste buds and captures the essence of coastal living. With its delectable menu, charming ambiance, and exceptional service, Red Crab has become a culinary gem in the Sunshine State.

Upon stepping into Red Crab, patrons are welcomed by a warm and inviting atmosphere reminiscent of a coastal retreat. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply seeking a delightful meal, Red Crab's ambiance sets the stage for a memorable dining experience.

What truly sets Red Crab apart, however, is its mouthwatering array of seafood dishes that cater to a variety of palates. From succulent crab legs and buttery lobster tails to zesty shrimp boils and fresh fish selections, the menu boasts a range of options prepared with a unique blend of spices and flavors. A signature dish that stands out is the Red Crab Boil, a delightful medley of seafood, corn, potatoes, and sausages bathed in a rich and savory broth that encapsulates the essence of a coastal feast.

The culinary excellence at Red Crab is matched by its commitment to exceptional service. The staff's attentiveness and knowledge of the menu ensure that diners feel both comfortable and well-informed throughout their meal. Whether offering recommendations or accommodating dietary preferences, the restaurant's dedication to customer satisfaction is evident from the moment guests arrive.

Red Crab also takes pride in using the freshest ingredients available, emphasizing sustainability and quality in every dish. This commitment not only elevates the dining experience but also contributes to the restaurant's reputation as a standout culinary destination in Florida City.

Red Crab stands as a seafood lover's paradise that marries delightful cuisine with a captivating ambiance. Its dedication to crafting unforgettable dishes and providing top-notch service creates a dining experience that keeps patrons coming back for more.

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